New Claims:

Regarding new claims 36, 37, and 38, it is respectfully urged that even if one combined Silverman and Rubenstein as the Examiner suggests, the resulting combination would not provide the steps of providing vacuum through the inner member, or the step of transporting tissue to a tissue stop within the instrument.

The Examiner is also requested to consider and allow new method claim 39.

Respectfully submitted,

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